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THE
Wreck of Westminster Abbey,
A L I A S
The YEAR TWO THOUSAND,
A L I A S
The ORDEAL of SEPULCHRAL CANDOUR;
BEING A SELECTION FROM THE
MONUMENTAL RECORDS
OF THE MOST
CONSPICUOUS PERSONAGES,

Who flourished towards the latter End of the *Eighteenth Century*,
and which from their Impartiality, have ever been considered a
convincing Testimony of the independance of the *Age*; includ-
ing some *Royal*, as well as *Noble* and *Literary Personages*.

—IN MORTUIS DICERE VERUM,
QUID VETAT?

Horatii Transmigration.

With Pomp and Prodigality of Phrase,
To indite the tow'ring Pile, when inward
Lies entomb'd, a Lump of perjur'd Guilt!
Of dastard Cowardice! of Inhumanity!

ANON.

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WHEN Effeminacy, when Luxury, and when every thing that can tend to the Destruction of Human Nature and to the — of our S—ls hereafter, not only prevail at this Moment, but also contribute to the perversion of Veracity on the Mausolean Register, it may not be improper, though unacceptable to publish the following Epitaphs, which have distinguished themselves, and the Age in which they were written for their Impartiality, and which on the late tremendous Wreck of Westminster Abbey, might have been lost to the World, and to the Triumph of Veracity over unprincipled Panegyrick.

The EDITOR.

APRIL 1st, 2001.

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WHEN I first saw the advertisement of the
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THE EDITOR

Attest 1864

O R D E A L
OF
SEPULCHRAL CANDOUR.

ON a small Tablet near the Choir.

Sacred to the Memory of

H—y L—h P—i,

Of Johnsoniana Notoriety,

Who, possessed at an early Period of the Advantages of an
Academical Education, joined to some Ability,
Became more the Subject of Admiration and Respect, than the
Companion of Conviviality and Mirth;

But who was not the less satisfied of the Conveniences of Marriage,
However the delights of Love might be estranged from
her breast, as her Connexion with

Mr. T—e, *Thrale*

An opulent Brewer, evinced.

In this Situation, it was she met with Dr. J—n, and an intimacy
Commenced, which afforded her all the Gratification of Literature
And Ability, and most probably would have lasted
'till his death;

Had she not proved the old Observation,

Quam variabilis semper est fœmina,

A

Which

Which her learned friend is said to have repeated, upon hearing of
her second Nuptial tie with

Mr. P——i,

An Italian Singing Master.

Considering him as she formerly had done, rather a Convenience
than a Companion and Friend:

But here, probably, had she sunk into Obscurity, had not she sacrificed
her late worthy Acquaintance to the Gratification
of her own Vanity.

Among others stood forward this Heroine of the Plume;

Among others she dragged forth from Oblivion, that which should
have Remained in Oblivion,

The trifling incidents of private Friendship.

But not among others, but above others, did he consider her as his Friend,
therefore the less should she have contributed to the calumniating
his Conduct, and to the blasting of that Fame,
which he so eminently deserved;

But the Public thought so meanly of her after this Breach of private Friend-
ship, that willing to avoid the Sneer of Disapprobation, she retired
into Italy, and soon after gave up the Ghost, blasting
her Countrymen, for treating that Merit
with disdain, and for wanting that Taste,
Which she conceived she so
eminently possessed.



On

On a Monument at the foot of Captain B—'s. *Bisset*

With a Sarcophagus representing Lady W— naked, bathing,
and Captain B— attending;

Underneath inscribed " with all my Heart," to the Memory of

Sir R——d W——y, Bart. *Dorling*

Joined to an uncommon degree of conjugal Affection,

He possessed every requisite for the Gratification of the
Inclinations of his Friend.

Simple, pufillanimous, and good Natured,

He conceived no possible Injury could be derived from a Soldier's inspection
of the naked Beauties of a libidinous Wife.

The Bath was the place where Sir R—d exalted Captain B— on his
Shoulders, that through a Window he might delight
his visible Organ.

Cuckoldism succeeded, an Action for Crim. Con. followed, and Sir R—
had the Satisfaction of obtaining *One Shilling Damages*.

From that Period, 'till his Death, he resided on the Continent, the inno-
cent Friend of an hour's Chit Chat among the Ladies, and from
whom Husbands might apprehend no
Cause for Jealousy.

In the middle of the Choir is erected a small Tablet,
with a Bust supported by the Tragic Muse.

To the Memory of

Mrs. S——ns, *Siddons*

Educated to the profession of an Actress;

B.

She

She in a few Years distinguished herself for uncommon Powers in the
Service of Melpomene.

But in her private Life, she was mean, contemptible,
and the Xantippe of her Husband.

Thus, in her artificial Capacity, she was
compassionate, wan, and melancholy;

But her real Existence was so differently characterized,
that her Counterfeits became a Matter of Wonder.

In the Year 18— she departed this Life, after having accumulated by
uncommon Success and contemptible Parsimoniousness,
an immense Fortune;

Admired for her uncommon Powers, but unlamented
for her Vices.

On a plain unadorned Stone.

Here lies a Man,

Whose Abilities being not only Universal, but Unbounded,
Made him as much the Subject of Admiration among his
Enemies as his Friends;

His Name was T——w, of obscure birth,
He drank, he w——d, he practised every species of Debauchery and Excess:
He attempted, but had never Resolution in the impetuosity of
Youth to enure himself to Application;
The Laws he first superficially studied, and he rose in defiance of all
the endeavours of his industrious Rivals,

Through

Through successive Gradation, at length he filled that Seat,
which he was born to adorn,
Rewarded and dignified by his Sovereign,
Impartiality guided him clear of party Extremes, and, however, at times,
Moroseness and Impetuosity might be uncurbed by Reason;
Justice dictated his Decrees,
Mercy healing the Wound of unmerited Persecution:
In the Year 18— he died of age,
An irretrievable Loss most sincerely condoled.

Near the North Entrance on a pompous Monument.

The Courtier, the Hypocrite, and the Slave of unprecedented ———,

To the Memory of the wily

——— L——d ———,

Who from obscurity by ——— means gained Reward and Honors,

when he deserved a ———,

Who ruled by sordidness, grasped at what he could not hold,

And who solicited what stained the Consequence

of an honourable Assembly;

But pass on Reader, what he has done can only raise disgust, and which,

for the honor of this Abbey, had better be disregarded than

revenged on the Fane that memorates his i—— Spirit.

At

At the Entrance of the North Door.

On a very superb Monument (erected by Public Munificence) with an
Emblem of Charity mourning over his Grave,

To the Memory of

J——n H——d, Esq.

A Citizen of the World,

Whose delight was to behold the smile of Chearfulness centre in the
Countenances of all Men.

Misfortune not only drew from his Godlike Soul, Compassion, but when
Virtue fell, he was ever ready to apply a relief,

And when Vice received its due, Consolation was
uppermost in his Breast:

When Youth is generally confined in Inebriation and Folly,

When Compassion perhaps only dimples the Cheeks of Virtue,

Or when selfish Enjoyments make us callous to the

Wants of others;

He, at an early Period of his Existence, was expending a Fortune in the
Service of the World.

He travelled not for idle Curiosity, but as Misfortune was ever
uppermost in his Ideas,

He visited the Houses of Misfortune;

By his Bounty, innumerable are the worthy Members of Society that
have been released from confinement and corroding despair,

And Abuses in these hellish Habitations have been reformed by
his Activity and Munificence.

Nor have his Virtues been only confined to his own Country, but by his
presence have extended throughout the World;

How

How often have the Prayers of the temporary Widow, and the Blessing
of the Orphan attended his Perambulations !

How often has the Franticness of Desperation been converted by him
to gladening Joy !

And, how often has he changed a scene of Family Want
to Chearfulness and Affluence !

For Virtues so truly transcendent, his Countrymen while he was abroad,
subscribed many Thousand Pounds to raise a Monument
to his Memory ;

But wherefore raise a Pile of Architecture to a Man,
who had already built his Fame upon the
Basis of Immortality :

Wherefore by idle parade hurt the Feelings of a Christian Hero ;

He OBJECTED TO THEIR BENEFICENT INTENTIONS ;

And the money was appropriated to the discharge of Prisoners,
An Appropriation more consonant to the inclination of an

H O W A R D.

After having passed a Life so agreeable to the Will of the Divine Creator,
he entered into the blessed Regions of Immortality,
on the 4th of August, 18—

Exegit monumentum ære perennius,

Regalique situ Pyramidum altius ;

Quod non imber edax, non Aquilo impotens

Possit diruere, aut innumerabilis

Annorum series, & fuga temporum.

Attend

Attend ye listening Votaries of Malevolence,
 Attend ye Votaries of Traduction,
 and contemplate a Tablet erected to the Memory of
 Captain I——d,
 Affection for your attributes, accompany'd him while living!
 May Pity drive away Contempt for the Credulity of him
 now in the Shades of Death;
 The infamous Assertions of a black Domestic, blasted the
 Character of the best of Consorts;
 And tho' his Words and his Actions proved him to be a
 hardened Scoundrel,
 Tho' he repeatedly contradicted himself in his Alligations,
 The Captain was so lost to the Ties of conjugal Affection,
 That he credited the Testimony of a squalid and lying Wretch, who had
 not one Excellence to recommend him.
 A Separation ensued.
 But for further contemptuous Actions and Expressions;
 His Lady with admirable magnanimity,
 Commenced a Prosecution against him for Defamation, and Innocence
 triumphed in spite of MALIGNANT ENVY.
 The Captain was furthermore desired to restore her to her
 former Privileges;
 But this he obstinately objected against, and went abroad solacing himself
 in the Arms of every common P——te,
 Considering it as a Renovation of his Happiness, his not being con-
 fined to the embraces of a Virtuous Wife.
 As he had acted cruelly in his life time, so he died disregarded by every
 Friend to matrimonial Happiness.

Dec. 9, 179—.

In

In a most conspicuous Part of the Abbey, near the Altar, is erected a Sumptuous display of Architecture, for which Sir John in his last Will bequeathed Three Thousand Pounds, that his Name might not be mingled in Obscurity with vulgar Commonalty; he also in his Life Time purchased, as his own Estate, the Walls and Pavement within ten Yards of this Monument, with Orders that no less a Man than a Duke should be interred within that Space, that his Remains might not be contaminated by the obscurity of those of his Neighbours,

To the immortal Memory of

Sir J—n H—s, Knt.

In the Office of Sitting Magistrate at Hicks's Hall,
He behaved with such unjustifiable Tyranny,
and his Pride was swoln to so enormous a Magnitude,
as to make it necessary to wrest the Sceptre from his Hand.

Being a professed Musician, he wrote a History thereof,

in Five Volumes 4to. which he had the Satisfaction

to behold either cover'd with Cobwebs, or

in the Hands of some fair Nymph,

as the Safeguard of a Farthing's

worth of Cheese, or a Pound

of Rush-lights.

However, without any of the Requisites for a good Writer, he became

Editor of the Works of Dr. J—n, and also his Biographer;

But Sir J—n was not to be intimidated, by the rough treatment his Life
of that great Man met with.

Many other Works he compiled and wrote, and he had the

Satisfaction to suppose, upon his death Bed, that he

had procured Immortality by his

voluminous Productions.

On a small Urn in the middle of the Chancel.

Blessed are the Peace Makers!

To the Memory of

W——m P——y M—— of L——n.

When E——l of S——e, he was the principle Leader of an
unpopular Administration:

In this Capacity he patched up an ignominious Peace,
Was created a M——s, and then turned out of his Employment.
In his last Agonies, he d——d his Countrymen for being so indifferent
to his Welfare, and considered himself as the most worthy
Man in the Nation for having procured a
cessation of Hostilities upon
any Terms.

O VANITAS! tu dominator es ineptorum.

In the middle Isle, on a small Monument nearly dis-
sever'd by repeated Acts of Violence.

To the Memory of the frail

Lady Ann Foley,

Youth, Beauty, and Vivacity.

Charms that enrapture with fond Felicity the Breast of a Clown con-
centering in her Ladyship, no wonder intic'd the Heart of

Mr. F——y into a matrimonial Connection:

But when an uncommon share of natural fire corruscates in the
Breast of a Woman,

Wild

Wild Extacies destroy all the powers of partial Felicity ;
 More able Champions than her Husband were necessary to insure
 Happiness and Gratification to her desires,

L—d P— ———h supplied the deficiency, and by many
 uncommon Efforts, proved his Ability.

An Action consequently for C— C—, was commenced against his
 Lordship by Mr. F—;

Her L—— unrestrained in her Connections, now rioted without Mo-
 lestation in the Arms of her Beloved;

And many other distinguished Characters supplied his Place, when
 agreeable to this Disciple of Cythera.

But as human Transports were not formed for Eternity, a debilitated
 Constitution carried her Ladyship off in the 40th Year of her Age,
 After having sacrificed lavishly at the shrine of
 her favourite Goddess.

On a Coffin, cover'd with Cobwebs and Dust in the
 Family Vault.

C—s H——d D—— of N——k,

At an early Period of his terrestrial abode, when E— of S——y,
 he abjured the Errors of Popery ;

And upon the Death of his Sire, was the first Peer of
 that Title that sat in the

H——e of L——ds ;

He was distinguished as an able Man and good Orator,
 But Preferment and Riches had such an effect upon his Heart,

That

That he was considered as the convenient Tool of Administration;
And his Inattention to the Embellishments, or even cleanliness
of dress, prevented his being a Favourite with the
Ladies, but this he considered as a
convenient Discharge from
female Impertinence,
And actually died from the Putrid effects of a Shirt, which he had worn
too long with a View to keep his D——s at a distance.

In a Corner of the Chancel, and by its Sable appearance,
is conspicuously marked to future Ages, is
a black Marble Monument, elevated.

To the Memory of

— — — ***,

Who, without the Assistance of Sculptural Effigies, erected
upon the lasting Basis of Eternity,

A Memento never to be obliterated.

At an early Age, before he had formed just Ideas of the
Principles of R——g,

And before he was well acquainted with the Depths
of human Insinuation,

He succeeded his Grandfather in a Monarchial Government,
The Ministers that had ruled with uncommon Success, were discharged.

A Party replete with Toryism, supplied the Corpuscular Place,
but not the Mental Deficiency;

A consequentially unfortunate War succeeded this unfortunate Event,

The American Colonies revolted, and the Powerful Kingdoms
of France, Spain, and Holland, at first only
Accessaries, became Principals,
When unsupported by other Kingdoms, and after a seven Year's un-
successful Contest, our Colonies were wrested from our Dominion,
and an Peace was concluded :
But this was a trifling Aggravation, when we consider that a *National*
Debt, beyond the Power of Liquidation was enhanced ;
An immediate change of Men and Measures succeeded,
But their Successor's Principles were so directly opposite to
Regal Prerogative, that another Revolution
was the Consequence,
And Measures exactly coinciding with the Principles that were the
Source of all our Troubles ;
—— pervaded the whole System, and the only successful way to
Titles and to Riches, was by Servile Obsequiousness ;
As it was necessary, however, to preserve Stability to his Throne,
He found it repeatedly requisite to change his Servants,
But the Principles of those Servants were uniformly the same.
By a retrospective View of his public and private Conduct ;
It evidently appears that his Ideas were contaminated by artful and
designing Men,
And consequently that his Intellects were not of the brightest Order ;
Nevertheless, positive in the most momentous Occurrences, though
egregiously in error,
In his Family Capacity, frivolous and inquisitive, rather formed by
Nature for the *active* Station of a Farmer,
than ordain'd to rule a Great and a
Mighty People.

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Fortunately

Fortunately for the Nation, one Morning as he was milking his Cows
before his Dairy Maids had risen, he received an unluckly Kick
in the Stomach, which occasioned his Death, and also
***** the Nation of an *****!

Also in the same Monument is interred, the Remains
of his beloved Confort.

Whom a Reciprocity of grovelling Ideas, rather than the
Refinements of Happiness, or the Excellence of
superior Acquirements, wedded close in the
Chain of Matrimony;
Descended from one of the humblest Principalities of Germany, also
The Place of her Nativity and Education, it is not allowable to
suppose that her Soul was equal to her rapid Ascent.
Wedded to German Fashions and Customs, she considered
every thing British,
As the Offspring of Barbarism; her Children were conveyed there for
Education, and her musical Performers exported from thence.
Her M..... drove her to the most deplorable Emergencies;
Her scrupulous Inquiries into domestic Accounts, and her Parsimonious-
ness in Housewifery, denoted that she was starving in the midst
of Plenty:
When Dowager, she redoubled her Efforts to fill her Coffers, and by
unremitted sollicitude to gratify her unbounded Desires,
Pined herself to Death.

In

In a most conspicuous part of the Chancel, and under
a most elegant display of sepulchral Architecture,

Are deposited the Remains of

— — — — *

The early part of his Life was conducted with all the impetuosity of
Riot and Debauchery,

Youthful, Healthy, and unextinguishable in his Desires,

at the same Time unfettered by the

Shakles of Government :

He pursued a course of uninterrupted Libertinism, the lively Bacchus,
and the darling Goddess Venus were his Associates.

Say not, conscientious Reader, this was beneath his dignity, rather con-
sider it as the ebullition of youthful folly.

By an unprovided-for course of Extravagance: By the numerous
Pensioners to which his unbounded Charity dictated as proper Object,
And by the erection of a Palace compatible with his Princely Dignity,
His Finances were so exhausted, that an Application to Par-
liament for immediate assistance was necessary :

But this was violently opposed by his Royal Father, and the seconding of
the Motion refused by the Ministry. Why, say you Reader ?

Because he would not coincide with their unpopular Measures ;

He nobly disdained their Terms, and in consequence thereof, sold by

Public Auction, every Article of Princely Luxury, stop'd the

Completion of his Palace, and resigned the greatest

Part of his Revenue for the Discharge

of his Creditors.

As he was steady in his Public Principles, and firm in the Support of
popular Happiness,

So the Conduct of his Father was Beneath his Regal Dignity,

Consider'd as an alien, he was refused Admittance after a Journey by
Midnight of upwards of seventy Miles to congratulate his Majesty
on his Escape from Assassination; and received many
other visible Marks of Indignity with un-
shakne Fortitude:

Yet filial Affection predominated in his Composition:
Nor was he ever known to speak disrespectfully of his Sire.
Upon his Accession to the Throne, in imitation of his Great Predecessor
Harry 5th. The Extravagance of youthful Pleasures was
abated, and the People with unusual Effusions of
Joy, beheld a Wife and Virtuous Monarch
adorn the Crown.

His Actions were guided by Men of the first rate Abilities;
And those Men were the Friends of the People.
Uninfluenced by Venality and Party, G—— B—— saw her Councils
rise to an uncommon degree of Respectability, both at Home
and Abroad, her Fleets regarded as the Umpires of
the Ocean, and her Armies considered as
the Forces of Justice.

As a private Gentleman, he was easy, affable, and his Heart ever open to
the Cries of Distress.

In a great old Age, respected and adored by his People, he sunk into the
Grave, lamented (beyond the Power of figurative Expression
to describe) by his Subjects.

On

On a plain Marble Monument, to the Recollection of
his R— H— the D— of Y— and A—, P—
B— of O—, &c.

In his Manners, Disposition, and Frugality, he bore a near Resemblance
unto his Father, — * * *

In Ability, Insensibility, and Absurdity, he had not his Likeness.
And after having dragged on an Existence until the Year 19, growing
Wearry of the Expences of House-keeping, and the Solicitations
of his Creditors, he put a Pistol to his Head, and
by resigning one, ended all his Cares.

On an elegant Mausoleum next his Brother.

To the Memory of

His R— H— P— W— H— D— of — L—
H— A— of E—

What, Jolly Tar, art thou among the dull Inhabitants of this Edifice?
Thy Conviviality, thy good Temper should have a little longer cheered
the Bumper:

Say? was it a Drunken Fit, or a Love Fit, or in what Fit Death
tapped thee on the Shoulder?

No— it was in the Service of my Country I fell, and tho' it deprived me
of the Enjoyment of Life a little sooner, I glory in the Event.

Right, young Hero— tho' Folly, Indiscretion, and Debauchery mark'd
thy Youth, *courageous Patriotism* will cover a World of Sins!

On a Black Marble Monument,

R E A D E R !

This Inscription does not record the Virtues, but the Deeds of one who
under the Semblage of Justice, effected what is too black to relate.

His Name was ———, patronised and at the Instigation of ———
———, in I——, in his Situation of C—— J——, he
committed the most flagrant Cruelties :

And as the Darknefs of his Character was Evident ;

So his Abilities shone with uncommon Lustre.

Necessitated to fly from Justice, in G—— B——, he fell a Victim to
the Revenge of those whom he had Plundered,

Anno Domini, 17—

Where Nature's Laws to Luxury's give way;

Where callous Hearts make Gold their Idol God,

And pageant Nabobs ape a Monarch's rule,

In tinsel'd Robes, that dazzle to the Sun,

Reflecting Light upon the Villain's Face,

Aiding, the Physiognomist profound,

To drag the vile Dissembler from beneath,

The luring Smile; poor subterfuge of Guilt,

O Avariciousness! thou Bane of Mortals,

To gratify one sensual Appetite,

Insignificant, Unprofitable,

Nay damnable to thy Existence;

Man's whole Race might rack with cruciating Pangs,

The World, the Heav'ns, the Great Arcana of the Universe,

Might sink into everlasting Ruin!

Near the East Entrance,
On an elegant Superstructure raised upon the brawny Shoulders
of Satire,

Is inscribed the following.

Reader! in your Perambulations round these hallow'd Mansions of the
Dead, arrest your Attention one Moment
on this Offspring of Satire,

Dr. W——t,

For many Years he pass'd his earthly abode in curing Bodily Infirmities,
and in the Salvation of Souls;

But when he was nearly arrived at that Period in which he should form
some Ideas of another World,

He discover'd, *not* by a Chymical Process,
That the Visitation of the Chambers of the Sick was not congenial
to his animal Economy:

He quitted that career of Life, and appointed himself POET LAUREAT
to the ROYAL ACADEMY, under the Signature of
PETER PINDAR:

But not, Reader, believe me, to trump Adulation unto their Performances
through a Golden Horn,
Or enter into the Minutiae of Criticism;

The singular Evolutions of his Genius however, displayed
in these Performances,

Raised his Poetical Reputation, and in the Wane of Life, though
a Juvenile Author, denominated him the
Satirist of the Day;

Next Monarchs met his powerful Pen, and he in hostile Rage, turn'd
the Insignia of Royalty into merciless Contempt;

Goliath J——n's travelling Biographer next fell,

And

And seemed to add consequence to his former Victories;
Thus unrivalled Master of the Field,
Kings, Courts, and Courtiers were deservedly reprobated by
his venomous Satire.

It must appear very extraordinary to Posterity, that a Man possessed of
such uncommon Powers should so long exist without
exercising his Talents;

But from obscurity by a sudden Emanation,
He placed himself in the first Rank of Authors, and was beyond Dis-
putation, the most eminent Satyrists existing
in that particular Period;

After a short, but lively Reign, he entered into the dull Abodes
of the Dead,

Reprobated by the World for having adhered too much to temporary
and not having left behind him, Works that would
insure him immortal Fame.

If it is in the Power of Human Nature to retrieve the
Recollection of

Sir G——y P——e T——r, Bart.

This Monument is intended for that Purpose.
Educated as a Gentleman and Heir to a magnificent Fortune,
he might have conducted himself as the Supporter
of the Liberties of the People;
But inticed into the Company of Sharpers, His Estates were
mortgaged beyond hopes of Redemption;

To

To retrieve his shattered Finances, he obtained a Seat in the Senate,
And became the servile Toad Stool of Administration,
But his Stupidity prevented his obtaining any Promotion.
At length he retired into the Arms of his sweet Enchantress, Miss C——,
and in the extatic Emotions of Enjoyment,
expired without a Groan!

Sacred to the Remains of the
Hon. W—— E——,
In a Whig Administration, he shone as a distinguished Member,
But as soon as Riches were not to be obtained by
coinciding with their Measures,
He was equally zealous for the Principles of Toryism:
Thus a Shuttlecock to both Parties,
He was considered as the meer Tool of Power.
In his latter Connections, he was employed in the Adjustment of a
Commercial Treaty with F——e,
But it was an heterogenous a Mixture of Inconsistencies
and Contradictions;
He was soon after appointed Ambassador to the Court of Spain,
But had no longer the Reputation of a Man of Ability;
Every way insignificant, he sunk into universal Disesteem, and died of a
broken Heart for want of profitable Preferment.

Sept. 179—.

In an obscure Corner of the Chancel, remain some
faint Vestiges of a Monument, nearly destroyed by
popular Abuse,

Raised to the Memory of

———, Earl of ———,

The Supporter of ———,

The ——— of the People:

In the Senate, at a very early Period, he displayed his

oratorical Abilities,

And governed [by a restless Ambition before he had arrived at Years
of Maturity, was placed in the most elevated Situation, that of

Minister over a Free People:

But by a Series of unprecedented Measures, the Affections of a Kingdom
that had adored his Sire, became distorted, and the Virulence

of an ——— Populace was ready to annihilate

him for ever!

However the Time did come,

When unable to withstand the impetuous Torrent that issues from
———'s Wound;

His Master dismissed him from his Service, and under the Cloak of a
P——ge, preserved him from the ———:

But contumely towards him ever sat on the Brow of an injured Public,

Despised by all,

Supported by none;

The Evening of his Age was closed in reaping *Thorns*, sown by his
own untractable Disposition.

In

In his private Capacity, he was equally estranged from the
Comforts of Friendship,

Unto the Attractions of Women,

Unallured by the softer Sensations of Love ;

It is not to be wonder'd at, that pedantic Moroseness and haughtiness
of Demeanour, should accompany his public and private Character :

At length he departed this Life in the Year 18—,

after having waged through a continual
scene of Odium.

Once flattered by servile Hypocrisy,

Admired for his Abilities,

But detested for his Principles.

On a marble Monument, with Scandal weeping over
her beloved Son, is inscribed the following.

Disturb not his departed Soul, and raise a Dæmon unto Life ;

But let the human form of

— — —, Esq.

Be extirpated from the World,

Possessed of Ability, Learning, and Independence ; a small

portion of his Time was devoted to literary Criticisms,

and upon a firm Foundation, he has esta-

blished his literary Eminence ;

But upon a still firmer, has he erected his private Villanies,

Without Friendship for any Man,

Without Regard for any characteristic Symbol, but Deception !

He

He has proved himself a Scourge to Society, and blasted
the best of Characters.

At the Time he has reprobated the Authors of Scandal,

to the Subjects of Scandal,

He has been the Author himself;

At the Time he has professed Friendship to Families,

He has been their Traducer!

It has been no uncommon Practice with him to send scandalous Letters,
to create Mischief among confidential Relations;

And he has introduced himself into the good Graces of Fathers, with
a view to debauch their Daughters!

If you say Reader, this is more than human Infamy can arrive at,
Thou art mistaken:

A Detail of the Villanies of this — is far beyond the
Compass of a Mausoleum;

And as infamous Actions were his Delight,

As Scandal was his darling Goddess,

Let his Soul depart to Hell, its proper Habitation.

After having closed a damnable Existence,

Anno Domini, 18—.

Dedecorum pretiosus emptor.

In

In a Corner of the Chancel is erected a Monument (with
a Sarcophagus representing a Printer's Devil and
Hydra-Criticism in Conjunction)

To the Memory of
W——m W——l, who was Originally brought up a Printer, and after-
wards became a Strolling Player of no Eminence,

He reverted, however, to his former Occupation;
And as the Conductor of a News-Paper, constantly attended the Senate
House, with a View to report the Debates,
These Reports he entitled Hasty Sketches;

And for the uncommon Strength of his Memory, evinced in this Employ-
ment, he was particularly distinguished.

But when a Man has arrived at Eminence, in any particular Career of
Life, he is not contented to confine himself to his own Road,
but is ambitious of engulphing in one Vortex univer-
sal Celebrity;

And this was the case with the proud Upstart to whom this Tomb is elevated:

He assumed the Chair of Dramatic Criticism;
And with all the Pride of an Indian Nabob, attempted from his Writing
Desk, to govern the Conduct of Managers, the Performances
of Actors, and the Genius of Authors, with all the
Consequentialness of unjustifiable Superiority.

By his own Dramatic Performance formerly, and by his Instructions
latterly, he, however, contrary to his Intentions, traced out the
Path of Inability, which had this good Effect, that it
was more easily in the Power of his Readers
to avoid that Ignorance which
was so eminently visible.

As he was haughty to his Inferiors and Equals, and servile to his Superiors, so he evinced himself to be the Emperor of Misfortune, and the Drudge of Independence:

At length, from an unwarrantable Abuse of a Dramatic Piece, which succeeded with distinguished Eclat, he was, without resistance, soundly caned in a public Company, and was consequently dethroned as an Usher from his Dramatic Tribunal;

This circumstance so affected his Vanity, that he soon after pined to Death for want of Readers of his Scurrility.

In a Nich, near the Choir, is erected a Pompous Tablet, inscribed to the Memory of the almost forgotten P—— of Administration.

Dr. P——n B——p of L——n.

He received the established Form of a clerical Education, And as his Abilities were by no means superior to the Commonalty, he would most probably have passed his Life in the Capacity of a Country Curate, but meeting with ——, the eminent supporter of C—— P——, and evincing some Ability for B— S— I—, he was appointed by him, his private Secretary. In this situation he more than once deviated from —— and was esteemed every way equal to the finesse of a Minister.

Upon

Upon the Death of Dr. E——n, B——p of D——m,
A Man every way qualified both for his private and public Virtues to fill
that High Office,

He succeed to the B—— of ——

But Preferment did not wipe the Stain from off his injured Character.

Despised as the Abettor of Measures, inconsistent with ——;
funk disregarded into silent Contempt:

But not so with his Employer, who still retained him in his Service, and
upon a Prospect of a Vacancy in the Primacy of all England, pro-
mised him the Successorship, but by an over Assiduity in inquir-

ing after the Probability of his Hopes, he caught the

worthy Prelate's Malady, and had the Satisfaction

of primitiveness, not in earthly Honors,

but ghostly Councils.

At the Entrance of the Chancel, on a half-finished
Mausoleum, erected by his Grace's last Orders as a
parsimonious Lesson to future Ages.

To the Memory of

—— of ——

Who, in his Minority, succeeded to one of the most illustrious Titles and
splendid Fortunes of Gr——t B——n;

But as the Virtues of his Ancestry made his Origin respectable,

So the late Possessor, by deviating from that line of Conduct,

Entail'd upon himself universal Obliquy:

When, at the most respectable Place of Education,

He,

He, instead of studying the Ornaments of Language, the Depths
 of the Sciences, and the Graces of Oratory,
 Consider'd the most expeditious method of accumulating a Fortune
 beyond the Power of Expenditure,
 And as Money was his predominant Passion, so ——— Gambling
 was his principal Resource;
 Unacquainted with the Feelings of Friendship,
 Untangible to the Cries of Distress,
 His Heart never knew a Moment's Concern!
 Unless at the Loss of a successful Race-horse, or at the Payment of
 his Tradesmen's Bills:
 Nevertheless, possessed of Ability, that if he had attended to Erudition,
 He might have adorned his Country, and became a
 distinguished Senator;
 But his Mind was so warped to contemptible Pursuits,
 That it must be considered a singular Happiness, that his Death
 happened in the Prime of Life, occasioned by the Loss
 of a double quantity of Blood, contrary to the
 Advice of his Physician, to save
 the Expence of a second
 Bleeding.

On a chequered Pavement,

Sacred to the Memory of the Wanton and Libidinous

E — S — V — G —

Whose Life as variegated as the pantomimical Garb;

The

The Colours of which may each of them be considered emblematic of
her numerous Destinies.

The Sable, the Gloom of a Prison which she but too often Inhabited :

The Azure, that Calmness of Fortune she seldom was acquainted with,
And the Or, that Honor, Happiness, and Affluence which was no sooner
in her Grasp than discarded from self Vanity, Profligacy, and
Inconsiderateness.

But to mark what she has been, and to ascertain what she should have
been, cannot but be affecting and deviating from that
humane, tho' unwise Injunction,

DE MORTUIS NIL NISI BONUM.

Of Ability, she was an uncommon Owner :

Of Fortune, 'till she abused the Fickle Goddess, she never
knew the want ;

And in her Matrimonial Connection, she might have been peculiarly
Happy, had she not forfeited the Affections of a deserving
Husband, the Friendship of her Relations, and
the Esteem of her Friends, by

Infamy unparalleled ;

Prostitution unrestrained,

Extravagance unbounded :

and Perfidy unmerited.

In the 39th Year of her Age, she departed this Life, Friendless,
Worn out by Debauchery and Want.

*The following was written by himself some few Hours previous to
his Dissolution, as a Lesson to future Authors.*

Possessed of uncommon Powers for mimicking the Wailings of a
Calf, the Brayings of an Ass, and other Musical Beasts, to
the no little Entertainment of my Friends, and my own Satis-
faction, how often have

I, J——s B——l, Esq;

Descended from the Noble House of Bruce:

Now confined within these narrow Walls.

Been Applauded for my Abilities, and considered as concent'ring in my
own Person, all the Characteristics of the Animal Creation.

But not Content with these admirable Qualities, my Ambition must needs
induce me to stand forward as the J——n Journalist.

Which Task I now acknowledge on this my Tablet, to have been Scru-
pulously performed by me; and as far as my small Abilities could
tend to the Enrichment of the *Triviae Loquendi*.

And I do farther acknowledge that the Anger of M——o was just in
caning me for my Presumption in scandalizing his worthy
Character.

But my most corroding Qualms of Conscience, arise from having
written the Life of my learned fellow Traveller:

To which I now aver I was totally incapable of doing Justice.

And for which Act I hope my Chastisement on Earth will be final, and
in full Consideration for all my Evil doings;

Having every Reason to suppose that the Distinctions in Elysium will
prevent my ever meeting his justly incensed Spirit.

And

And as my Heart has been broke by the repeated Indignities I have met with, for having aspired to literary Dignities, instead of pursuing the Profession of a Mountebank, for which I was in an eminent degree qualified.

I sincerely hope that Compassion may now veil those injurious Failings which deserve not the Names of Vices, but which have been Vicious in their Consequences.

Vanity ! thou Governor of all our Actions, thou stedfast, gratifying Friend, thou easy Cheat of all our Senses, and Magnifier of our Worth,

Record the Failings of thy ardent devotee

L——y *Anchor*,

Quæ obiit Anno Domini, 17

A accessu invidiæ.

Whose Beauty has sway'd the Hearts of Princes,
and curbed the impetuosity of Juvenility,

And whose Follies, and libidinous Excesses, when in the flower of Youth,
Might have found at the grand Climacteric, an Asylum from
the Tongue of Scandal.

Had not thou, Vanity ! her most predominant Characteristic induced
her in the wane of Life, when her Daughters were ripening
unto Womanhood to sequester them her Rivals
from the World.

Which Confinement would most probably have existed Years, had not
Jealousy and Revenge induced them to seek an Asylum in
a Relative's Habitation.

Detested,

Detested, spurn'd from Company, deserted by her Paramours:

No longer able to attract with personal Charms.

No Loadstone in her Conversation:

No longer the Zest of Debauchery!

She yielded what it was not in her Power to preserve;

And as Fascination had forlook her,

So those who once were Friends and Acquaintance,

No longer knew her!

To the Memory of the Candid, the Amiable, though Frail

M——y C——fs of E——n,

Young, Beauteous, Sensible, and Enchanting;

To sacrifice such eminent Virtues, such endearing Bewitchedness,

when the Passions are most predominant to cold and

extreme old Age, was Guilt:

And for his Lordship to court what it was not in his Power to

gratify, proved him

A Dotard and a Fool.

The D—— of H——n, sensible to her Ladyship's Charms, did that which

it had been better was done by One not in his

Grace's Situation,

But which she, as a Woman, expected;

And as an Heroine upon discovery, attempted not what it would

have been false to conceal:

Furnishing her aged Consort with Documents of her Guilt, that he

might assert the Honor of himself and Family,

without unnecessary Trouble and Expence.

Soon

Soon after the Dutcheſs of H——n breaking her Heart upon
her Huſband's inconstancy ;

His Grace repaired her Ladyſhip's Honor, by an Alliance congenial to
Happineſs and Himſelf,

Which exiſted until her Death, on the

Day of June 48—.

On an elegant Mauſoleum, near the Communion Table, ſup-
ported by Baboons, with a Sarcophagus at the Baſe, repreſent-
ing a Groupe of Orang Outongs and Monkeys, weeping over
his Lordſhip's Grave.

To the Remembrance of the ingenious and learned Theoriſt,

L—d M——o,

Who not only conjoined in his Compoſition, the Ideas of a Speculiſt,
with the Abſurdities of a Madman ;

But endeavoured to ſpread Opinions, heterogenious in themſelves,
Which, if credited, was not to the honor and diſtinction of Human
Nature, to prove by Experiment.

Speech, ſays this curious Naturaliſt, is an artificial acquirement, and that
there are many Animals in the Creation as well qualified
to expreſs their Ideas as the moſt ſubtile

Logician, or the moſt perſuaſive

Orator.

Further, that Monkeys are Men, and that Men are Monkeys,
in a civilized State ;

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Which

Which Ideas had such an effect upon his Lordship's Mind, as to induce him, at the Instigation of some Persons, partly crediting his Theory,

but more generally ironically ridiculing his Absurdities ;

To establish an Academy for the civilization and improvement of his numerous Tribe of newly acquired Friends ;

And so far did his Enthusiasm lead him, as to make them his Table Companions to his own Edification, Inconvenience, and

Improvement, in their mischievous Qualities ;

To the Terror and Annihilation of his Acquaintance, and to the Mortification of his Friends and Relations.

In this State of inimicity with the Human Race, degrading what was before ever considered as peculiar to themselves ;

And in this State, of unaccountable Veneration for those Animals which have ever been considered, not only disgusting in their Appearance, but garrulous and tormenting

in the most infernal degree ;

His Lordship would most probably have lived to have seen himself an Outcast of Society, which might have reformed his Ideas, and have induced him to recant his Doctrine,

To the Sanitification of Himself, and to the Honor of Humanity ;

Had not an Orang-Outong, unluckily one Morning, provoked his Lordship to strike him for some violent Outrage on the Furniture,

which proved his Death ; and for which, as he had considered

that Race as co-equal with the Human, he was tried by

a Jury of Monkeys, and sentenced to Death by

the common Hangman for Murder.

Anno Domini, 181.

But upon a Representation of the Disgrace which the Family might incur, by interring him in the Highway, he was permitted

to purchase a small Portion of this

stately Edifice.

On a Monument near the South Entrance, raised by
public Munificence.

To the Memory of

C——s F——x,

Whose Virtues and whose Endowments were so transcendent as to
need little from sepulchral Effegies, or Literature.

In the true sense of the Word, he was a Patriot; as a Man he had some
of the Frailties, but none of the Vices;

He first fell a Sacrifice to the tyranny of P——,

But the People were his Supporters, and he was the People's Friend:

——— ****, however knew his inestimable Virtues,
and therefore nourished them;

Honours, Titles, and Riches were offered him, but he was above reward,
and actually died insolvent in the Year 18—,

His Abilities were as transcendent as his Heart was amiable.

The Scholar, the Critic, and the Statesman, were in him all
conjoined to a superior degree,

And the Orator shone with such uncommon Vigour and Brilliancy,
as nearly to corroborate the Resurrection of
Demosthenes and Cicero.

Near the Former, on a small Tablet.

R—— B—— S——n, Esq.

In imitation of his Friend, C——s F——x,

Made himself a Slave to public Welfare, and for his inestimable Virtues
and unparalleled Abilities, has procured unhypocritical
Veneration and immortal Fame,

Beloved,

Beloved, honored, and admired, he sunk into the Receptacle of
Mortality, full of Years on the
Day of June, 18—.

On a neat Tablet.

To the Memory of
The Fair, the Enchanting, and the Sensible
Mrs. F———t,

Who conjoined in a noble Mien, all the Accomplishments of Art,
and all the Gifts of Nature,

Yet not callous to that which is universally fought after

She sacrificed to Royalty, the ties of Character and Virtue;
She received from Royalty, Love, Gratification, Esteem, and Friendship.

Endowed with a just sense of her own Family inferiority, she
fought not what she never could conscientiously accept:

Nevertheless, armed with a proper Pride,

She obtained the Summit of her wishes, and died in the Year 19—
universally lamented.

In a Vault under the middle Isle, scattered over with Fragments
of *Worlds* passed over, are two Leaden Coffins, with the fol-
lowing Inscription.

Ti tum tum, ti tum .ti,
Sic tranfit gloria mundi!

Here lie
Johnny Nokes and Thomas Styce, alias
C——n T——m. and Parfon E—,
alias

“ My own Life.”

Who fet the World afloat and all the Nonfense in it.
Blow ye Printer's Devils, blow ye Minions of the morning Horn,
the Fame, the far spread Fame of these two noble Worthies,
Who mad with the furor scribendi, scribbled to reform the World,
And who in the *World* announced to the World,
That coxcomical Absurdity predominated in the former ;
That Ignorance, Stupidity, Affectation, Ribaldry, and Nonfense were
conspicuous in the imitative lexicaphanic Labours of the Latter.
And that in both,
Of Virtues there were none,
Of Vices there were some,
But of Follies there were abundance ;
To fill the World,
To catch the World, and lead the World in Trammels,
Happy, however, was it for themselves, that their Absurdities
were little regarded,
And that their scandalous Plume seldom excited deserved Chastisement,
Because they were below the Contempt;

What the one asserted, it was the Business of the other to contradict;

Thus were Paragraphs built without a Foundation,

And of what they were always deficient in, real Knowledge,

Their Vanity supplied:

Probably a senseless and an affectionate Pair, they might have seen an

Age, when Dotardness would have been more excusable:

Had not B—I, their Pander once, but now their Master, kicked them

out of the World, when they were no longer of service to

himself, and no longer the Sport of others,

exclaiming that

“ They were lovely in their Lives, and in their Deaths they *should*
not be divided.”

On a neat Tablet.

To the Memory of

Dr. T——s T——w, B——p of D——m,

Who, unaided by Ability, Learning, or Industry,

Rose to the most lucrative Preferment in the Church, through the

Interest of a Brother, whose Superiorities amply

supplied his Deficiencies.

He was for upwards of thirty Years a Member of the House of Lords,

But was never known to open his Lips, holding that

Proverb in recollection,

He is accounted Wise who does not prove himself otherwise,

And the Words of Rochester reversed, may not

inaply be applied to him.

Here lies he who never said a good Thing,

Nor ever did a bad one.

Ye

Ye Votaries of Cytherea.

This Monument is erected by the voluntary Subscriptions of all
the B—I Keepers, B—s, P—s, and P----s in the
Kingdom of Great Britain.

To the Memory of

T—s H—s, Esq.

Of Dramatic Celebrity;

As a Tradesman, he first launched into the World:

This, however, was too grovelling an Employment to arrest the Attention
of so sublime a Pantomimical Schemer;

The Suds were thrown aside, and at once headlong he plunged into the
Depths of the Drama:

As a Manager he evinced repeatedly his Spirit and Munificence,
But as often exposed his want of Judgment, and the indiscriminateness of
his Censure and Applause.

A Friend to Authors, where Affluence recommended them,
The Scourge of Genius in distress, and the Tyrant of Obsequiousness:

Actors gained a footing on his Boards, when it was in their
Power to contribute Fuel to his Extravagance;

And libidinous female Performers, when Beauty was predominant in
their Features, were never rejected,

Stipulations of unrestrained Freedom, being the only road for the
fair Corps to Emolument and dramatic Applause;

And so numerous were the lovely Virgins he seduced, as to entitle him to
some Mark of Distinction from the procuring Sisterhood, which
they have generously performed in the Erection of this

splendid Mausoleum,

Himself dying a Martyr to Drunkenness, Lust,
and consequent Poverty.

Here

Here rests

A vain, an insolent, but not a diverting, rather a mourning Vagabond;

A would-be Garrick, but ever was a K——e.

As a Dramatist he gained Riches through the Interest of his
Siddonian Relative;

But never acquired Celebrity.

In his Manner, stiff, awkward, and conceited;

In his Utterance, turgid, precise, and universally monotonical;

Affecting that which he ever did *but* affect,

The Character of a Critic;

Disregarding that which he ever should have regarded,

An Appeal to the Passions, and an Imitation of the Manners of Mankind.

When his Sister quitted the theatric Boards, which she had trod
with uncommon and deserving Reputation,

He was discharged; the Managers no longer being induced to preserve
a stiff and inflexible Mummy.

He died of the Cacoethes famæ, October 18—.

F. N. S.

The EDITOR has here to observe, that if any other EPITAPHS, similar to
the above, should fall into his Hands in digging up the rubbish of the Abbey,
he will convey them to the Public either as an Appendix or second Part.

